

An Analysis Of A Spent Fuel Transportation Cask Under Severe Accident Conditions



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Introduction

- **Baltimore Tunnel Fire**
- **Spent Fuel Transportation Cask**
- **Preliminary Results**
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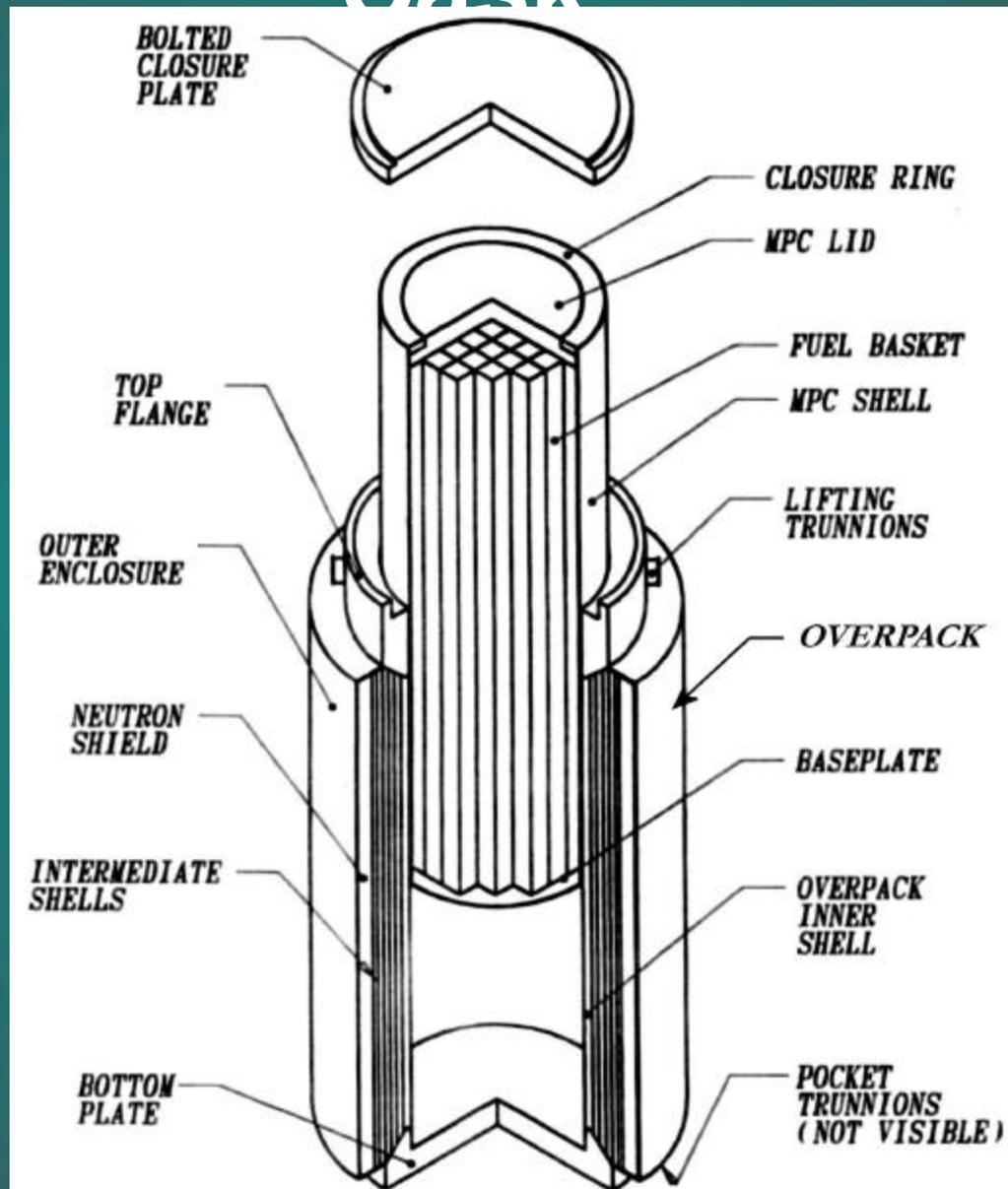
Baltimore Tunnel fire

- **July 18th, 2001**
- **Howard Street Tunnel**
- **CSX Freight Train**
- **Derailment and Fire**
 - **Tripropylene**

Spent Fuel Transportation Cask

- **10 CFR 71.73 Fire Accident**
- **Cask Performance**
- **Finite Element (ANSYS®) Model**

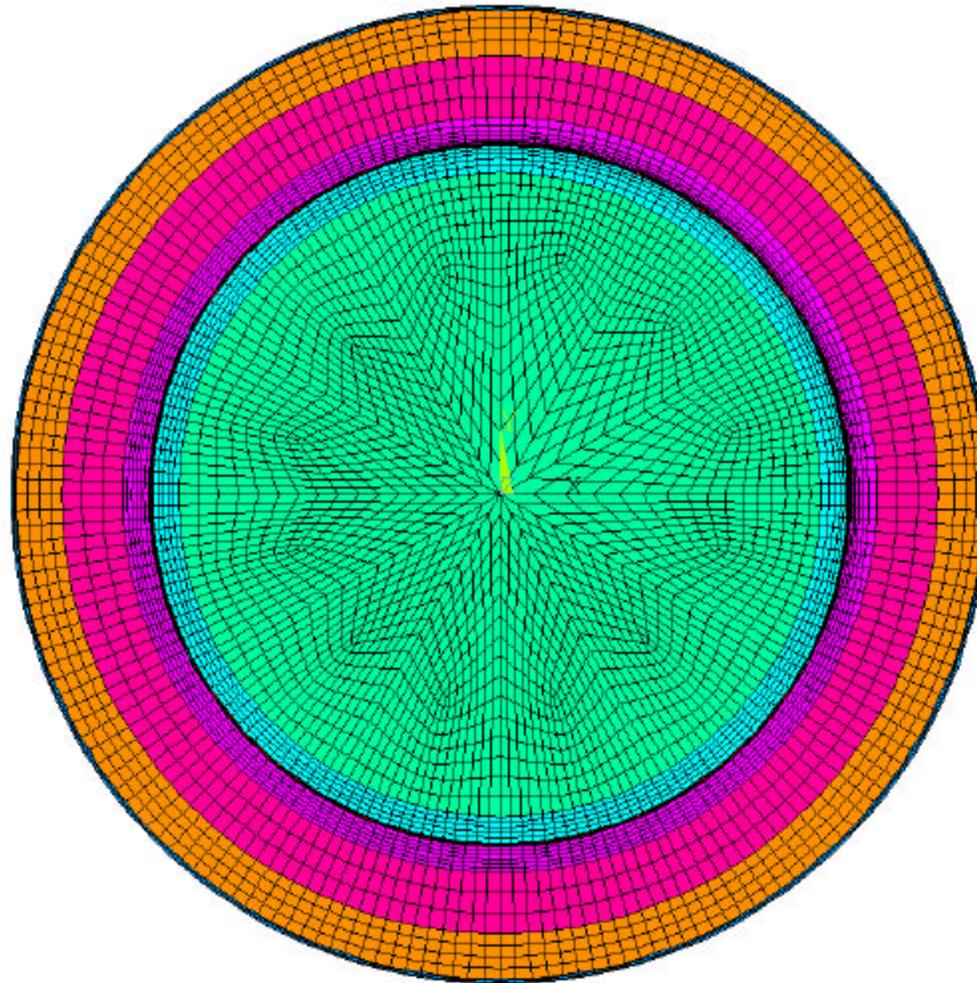
Spent Fuel Transportation Cask



ANSYS® Model Mesh

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Transport Cask Tunnel Fire Analysis

Boundary Conditions

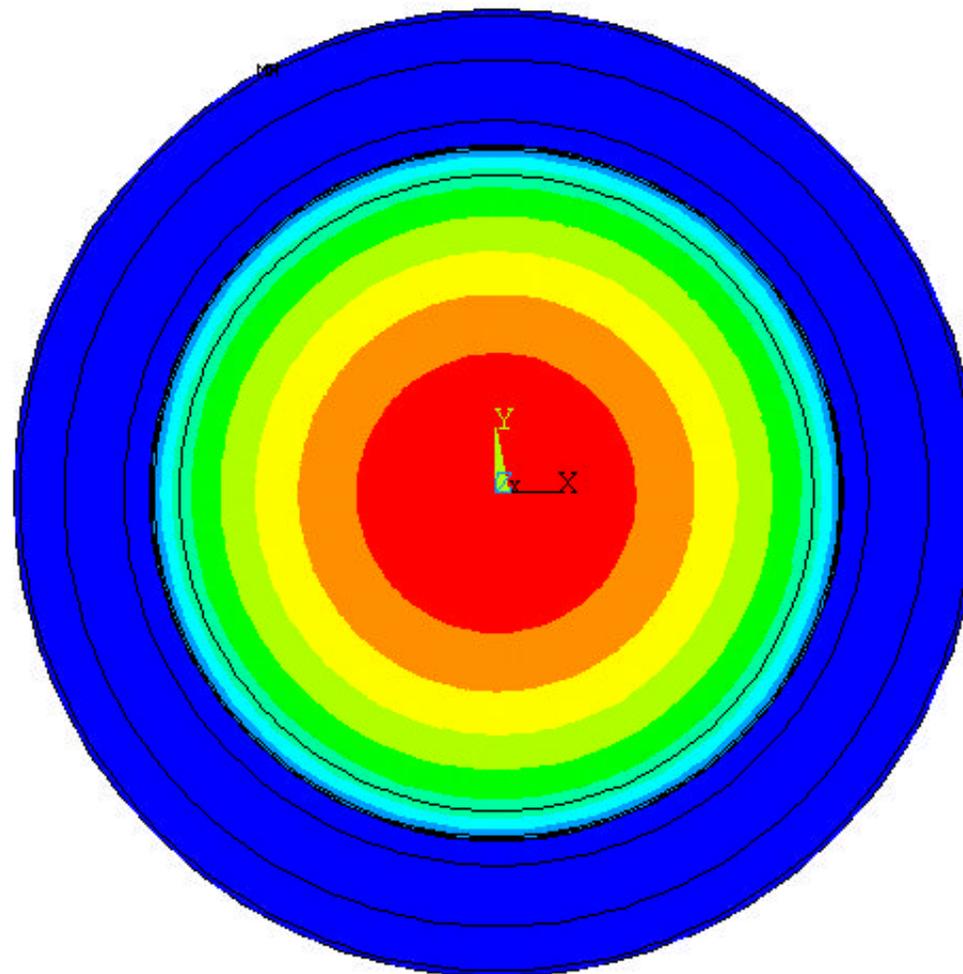
- **Heat Transfer Mechanisms**
- **Initial Conditions**
- **Fire conditions**

Normal Condition Temperature Profile

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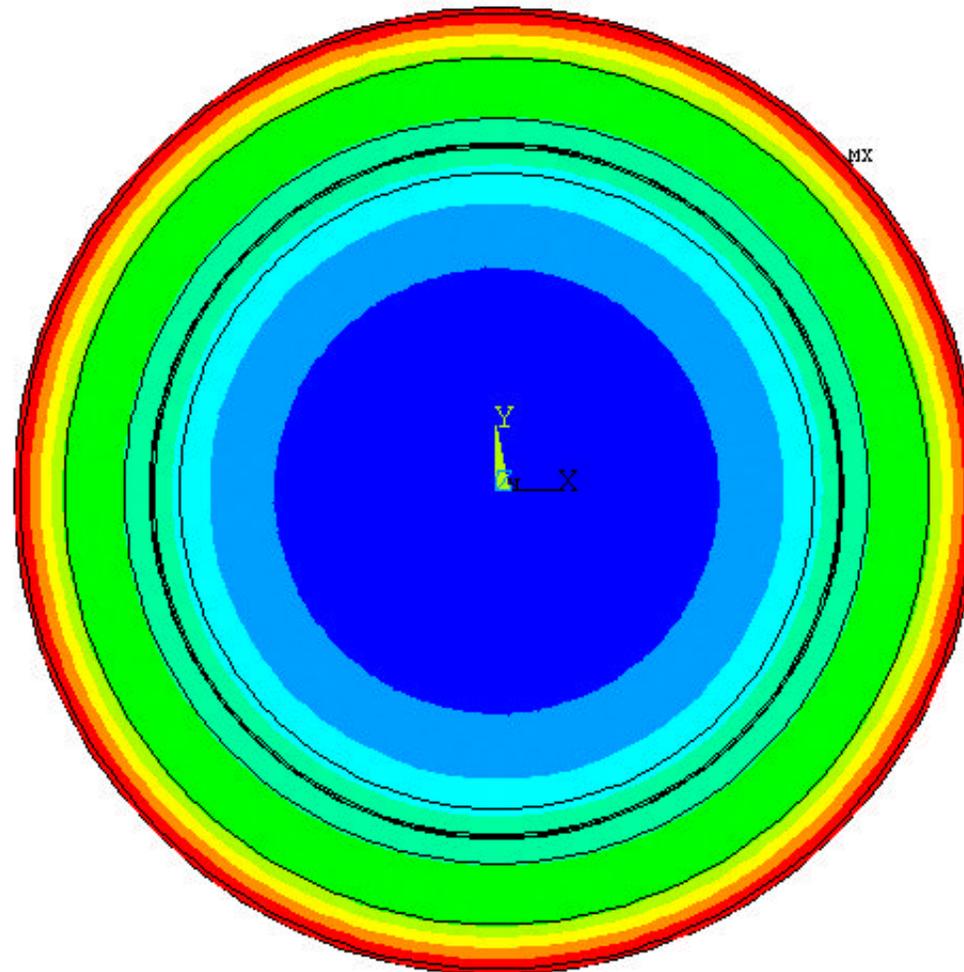
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8 Hour Fire Temperature Profile

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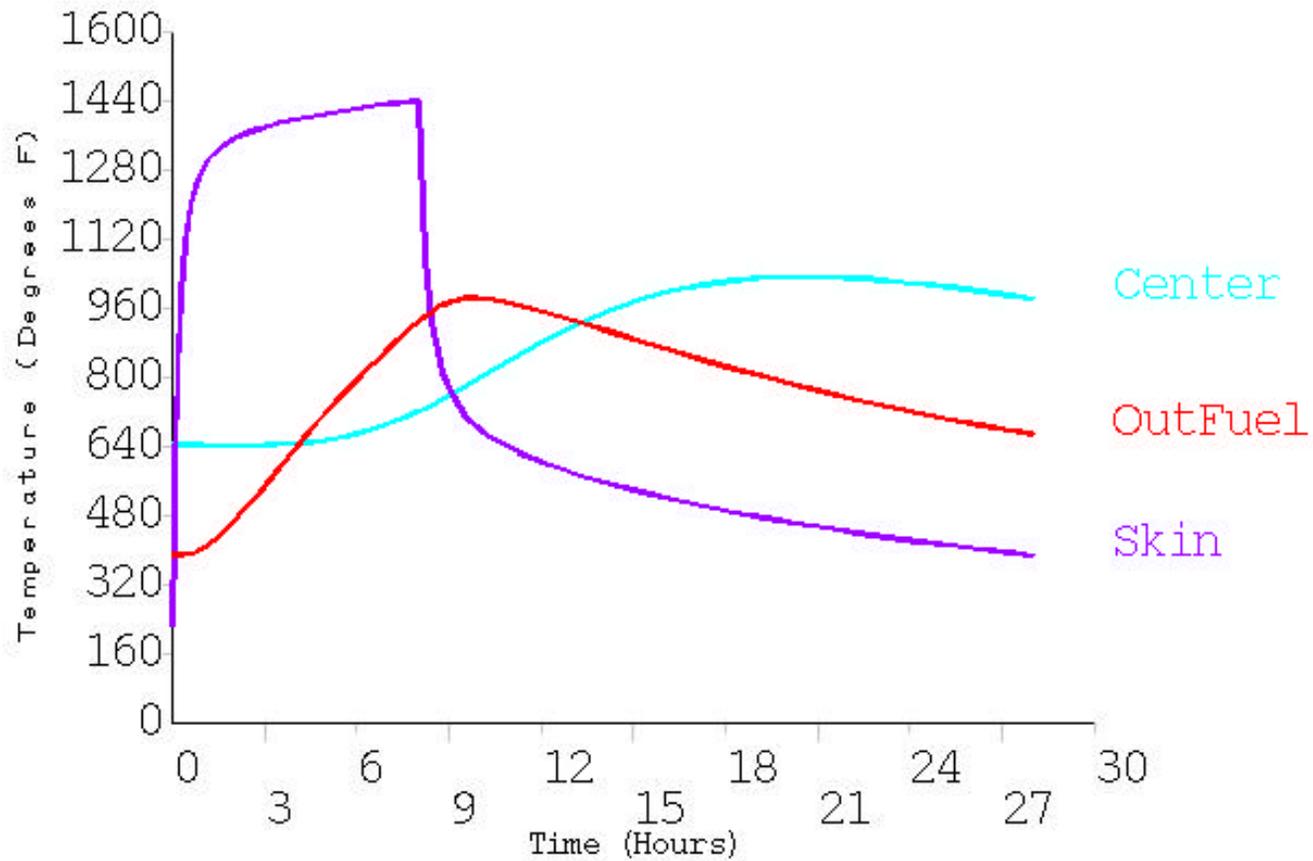
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Cask Component Time vs. Temperature Plot

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Transport Cask Tunnel Fire Analysis

8 Hour Fire with 20 Hour Cooldown

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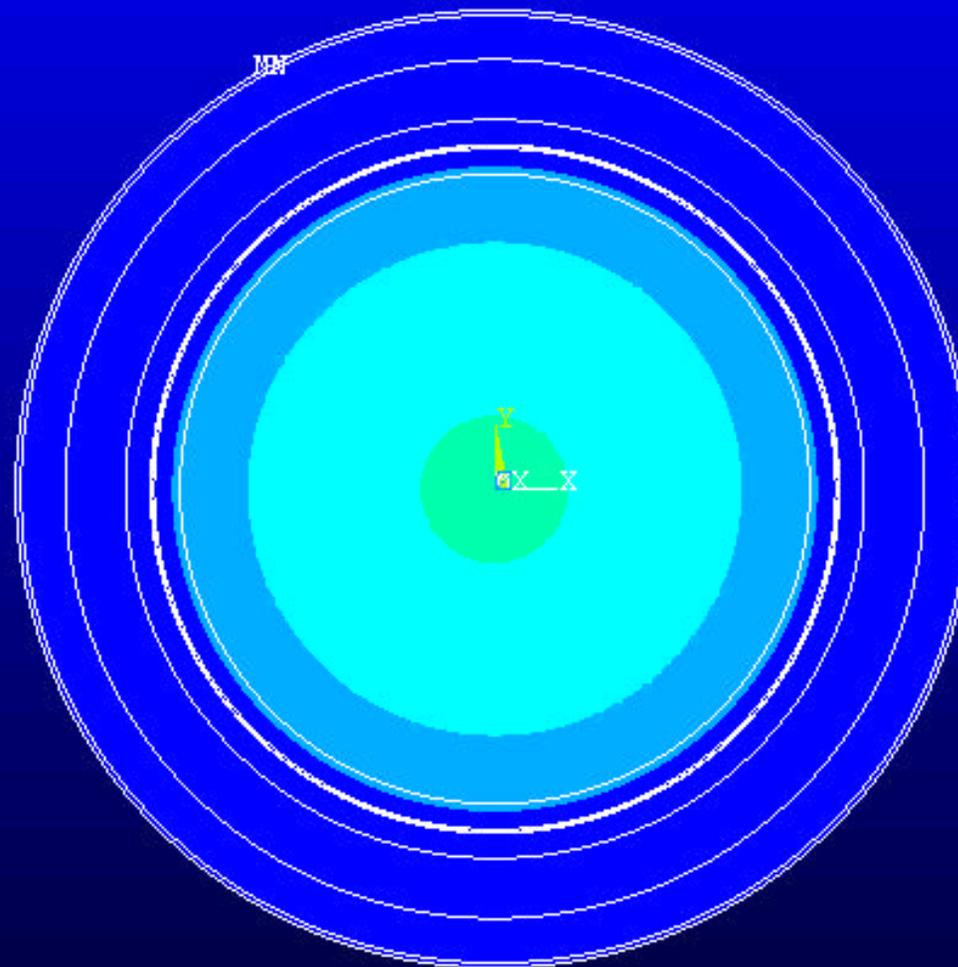
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Transport Cask Tunnel Fire Analysis

Preliminary Results

- **Fuel Cladding Temperature Limits**
- **Conservative Assumptions**

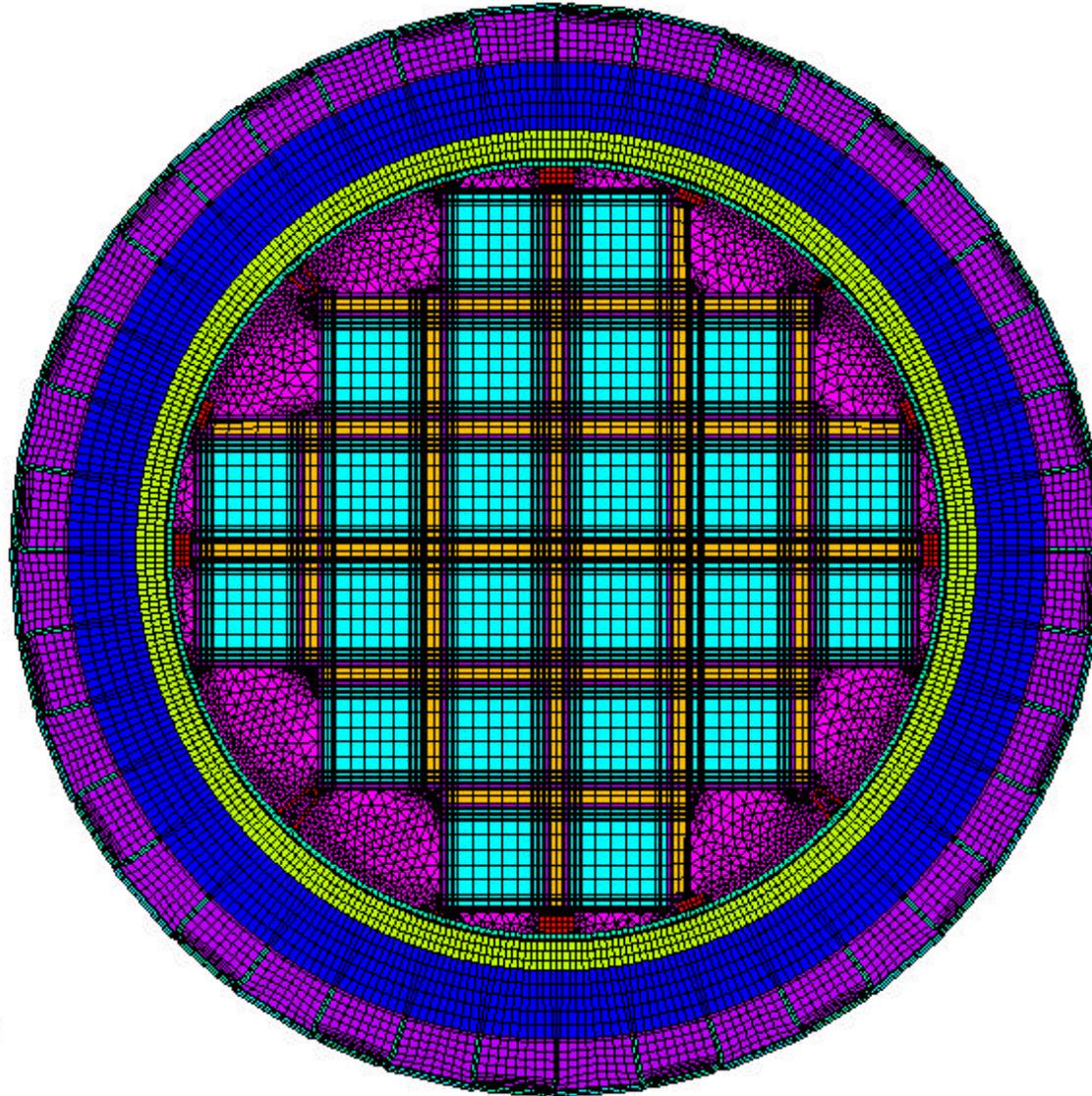
Conclusions and Future Work

- **Cask Performance**
- **Refined Cask Model**
- **Model Tunnel and Railcar**
- **NIST Tunnel Fire Model**
- **Revise Boundary Conditions**

Refined Cask Model

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